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Dear Mr. McKim.

I have
since your letter, (which ex-
presses exactly my own feelings,
the best thought I am ca-
pable of.

Mr. Johnson's practical
good sense in the conduct of the
Cause, his experience in its
ecclesiastical, or rather, congregational-
ized-Methodist aspects of it,
his knowledge of certain parts of

its history, & his real ability
to discriminate ~~within~~ his
own beat, are indispensable
& invaluable to us. In fact
his value is greatly increased
by Mr. Fay's resignation,
(however the paper looks thereby
in good taste) for now,
co-operation with the Stand-
ard becomes practicable from
all proper quarters; which, owing
either to a real or supposed divi-
teness on the part of Mr. Fay,
was not so before.

There is no one, in short
with whom I can work with
more ease and satisfaction, &
so, as well as I can shew,
it is also with others.

In addition to his good temper & good sense, he has, too the very rare & most highly honorable quality of not making a personal matter of political or financial necessities.

In considering the several principles under which his case would be classed & whether in the light of our financial means & prospects, or our moral obligations as an Ex. Comm. or our past practice - (i.e. in the light of possibility, duty, & authority or experience), I cannot see that we

have ever felt pecuniarily
justified or morally bound to
assume the burdens of any
man's destiny. If we once
began to calculate a man's
losses, for indemnification, -
or his claims for support in
age, I know not where to
stop. In fact I know not
where to begin. So many are
they, whose prospects in life
have been broken up, &
who are languishing in
insufficient means of living
hood, because they lost the
time for one life time in taking
it for the centuries' well

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being. We have never, as a
Society, been justified in propor-
tioning Salaries to the ~~value~~
of Services received. There is
the Power of the Cause -
when each Man gives his
Service, & Salary is but just
the sum that enables him
to do so.

Our present financial
condition is not for the pres-
ent year, a promising one.
The shoe-making & other
trades on which many
of our contributions de-
pend, are undergoing a
^{a rapid} collapse. Mr. Honey's bequest
will probably be a check on

donations, for ~~without~~ receiving
a cent from that as a
Society. We are supposed to
be \$8000 for annum the
year for it. If by any
chance it should in ever
so small measure benefit the
Society, the perhaps of the Trus-
tees would not allow them
to set aside Mr. Honey's
known desire to get rid of
Mr Johnson. He did not
know him - he appreciated
but one way of serving the
cause, & that way was Mr. John-
son - he always considered the
Standard itself as unnecessary -
had not, in short, the

up highest idea of the power-
generating uses of organiza-
tion & association, except in
the dry-goods business, where
he comprehended it thoroughly.
So I do not suppose, in
any possible event, that
Hovey's request would enable us
to enlarge any & actual
salary whatever at New-
York, even if all our
Committee were in any
own state of mind about
the matter - Which they are
not. I am sure that far-
vision is, (only more so -) but
further I know too little
to say more particularly of
Fairbank's state of mind

Subdivides; - So does Mr Phil-
lips - So does Mr Jacksons,
in the matter of paper &
Editor; - Some sustaining
the last for the first - some
the first for the last. But,
probably I am the one most
impressed with the necessity of
a sort of National Co-operation,
which can be directed
to specific points as need
with the impetus of a body.
Let me burst into Ballad
if you please: - We have
now reached the Staff ^{for which the Standard is in the Second}
Enterprise, when it were good
to have
"The even trench - the bristling mound
"The Legion's ordered line."

A.S. organ, to secure the lib-
a solely
the first need was of

And it is a pity the advantage is so
little realized. But
It is by no means to be wondered
at, if the guerilla warfare of
opening skirmish have un-
fitted many for a more
disciplined method. All must
do as they can. It took
one life-time to make individ-
uals enough to constitute a
movement - probably it must
take another ^{to move together} to teach them
^{that} good-fellowship is a quality
as well as obedience, & that
to know how to obey is as
good as to know how to com-
mand, & that only they that
can do the former are fit
for the latter. But I am de-

being usually, and I must mean

growing too far.

Though in no light
in which I can place it,
do I feel authorized, as one of
the Ex. Com. to vote increase
of salary which I should
readily submit to see others
voting, yet it does appear to me
as a member of the Society
that there is a way by which
the future of persons deeply
interested for ^{old &} ~~themselves~~ fellow-
laborers whom they wish
to see in easier circumstances, ~~can~~
can be met. Could not the
Society receive special donations ~~com~~
for the behoof of any such
fund? I remember ^{that at the time of the} ~~that~~ ^{financial} ~~crisis~~

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Hott wrote to us on the occasion
of the contemplated dismissal of
one of the doctors - (Mr. Johnson
as the latest comes being deter-
mined on) that the step would
make a division among
friends of Mr. Johnson in the
West & Elsewhere. Now why
are not these the very friends
to pick up two or three hundred
dollars among themselves, &
forward it with an expres-
sion of respect & confidence,
~~to the Dr. & Co.~~ to the
Treasurer, & desire him
to bring it before the Ex-
com. for the added ex-
pression of their satisfaction
also? I think a Ma-
nual Crisis

forty of us would pass
such a resolution. Those
who do not see the use
of the Standard, do appreciate
Mr Johnson, while those
that uphold the Standard
would not probably pass
such a resolution. There does
exist a feeling of desire to
find another Editor. It is
a feeling I do not now
share; so competent has
Mr. Johnson shown him-
self since he has been chief;
& unless, indeed, the Phoenix be
for \$500. pr. annum could be
found, I do not desire a change.
If the work becomes too heavy,

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I should prefer a Subalterne
in addition.

Let me know what
you think, — "How it feels
to thee," — as to whether
this suggestion of Special
donation & Ex. Com. appro-
bation would compass the end
of giving additional Moral &
pecuniary support to Mrs
Johnson, without establish-
ing a precedent which might
tend to ~~put~~ the support
of abolitionists in place of
the abolition of slavery?

In any event, I
am entirely at your
disposition to bring the Mat-

in any shape you
direct, before the Ex. Com.
In case you had rather
do it through me than
by letter.

We are busy with
pushing the petitioning.
Of four years ago, when
the renewal of an old
this measure was first started,
Mr. Foster & Mr. Pillsbury
could have seen their way
clear to fall to work in-
stead of talking on after the
time had past, on the merits
of free meeting, free platform
(every thing but free conscience.)

They would have saved them-
selves a deal of mortification.
But I do not blame them.
I simply do not admire.
They could only do as they
really thought best. But it
was the measure of their abil-
ity to serve the Cause at
that time. They are not changed,
(perhaps a little more Jonah &
Jermiah-like - a trifle more
weepingly prophetic - but that
no matter in such a nation
as this, in point of taste, tho'
it ~~is~~ is now a hindrance in
point of fact.) - but the
times are changed. They
were: they are well: but
now they will do better to pay-

27. I wish, in short, they
could adapt themselves to the
circumstances; take advantage
of them, profit by them, that
is. But I dare say they
will see clearer in time.

Howland is in thick darkness.
I judge by him a little
as to the state of mind of
others. ^{It would be fair to do so myself. He} enclose you

a specimen of good conduct
in the shape of a letter I rec'd
by a late steamer. Please
to return it as soon as rec'd
by mail. If we all had
Grace to behave like that!

Your obliged friend

S. W. Chapman.